

CDC Issues Precautionary Health Warnings about Cell Phone Radiation

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have issued precautionary health warnings about cell phone radiation and provide tips on how to reduce one's risk from exposure.

PRLog - Aug. 13, 2014 - ATLANTA -- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the Frequently Asked Questions about cell phones and health on the CDC web site.

CDC now asserts that "Along with many organizations worldwide, we recommend caution in cell phone use." As the lead Federal health action agency, CDC provides tips to the public on how to "reduce radio frequency radiation near your body."

Health authorities at the Federal, state, and local level should follow CDC's lead and disseminate precautionary health warnings to ensure that the public is adequately informed about the potential health risks of cell phone use and has the know-how to reduce exposure to the radiofrequency radiation emitted when carrying or using cell phones.

Moreover, the Federal Communications Commission should review CDC's new position in light of the Commission's obsolete regulatory standard for cell phone radiation that was adopted in 1996 when few adults used cell phones.

CDC's latest recommendations represent a considerable improvement in our Federal government's position regarding cell phone radiation health risks and the need for precaution.

CDC indicates that more research is needed to understand the health risks of exposure to cell phone radiation. Unfortunately the U.S. has been negligent in supporting research on wireless radiation health effects. A major government research funding initiative could be launched with as little as a nickel-a-month fee on wireless subscriptions. This research initiative should be conducted independent of the wireless industry as we have considerable evidence that the industry has undermined much of the research it has funded in the past.

For CDC FAQ: http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/cell_phones_FAQ.html

For additional information about how to reduce your exposure to wireless radiation see the tips available on my Electromagnetic Radiation Safety web site at <https://docs.google.com/a/berkeley.edu/file/d/0B14R6QNkma...>

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